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Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sam Hymas

## Hiii-ya!

Grand Master Sung Chan Kim, Tae Kwon Do Instructor and ninth degree black belt, takes his students, (front to back) George McDonald and Janita Brown, through a series of kicks in the

aerobics room at the Fitness and Sports Center. The class is held from 11 a.m. to noon Mondays through Thursdays and is \$40 per month. For more photos, see Page 20.

## YELLOW DRESS

Base hosts sexual assault prevention play

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## PROMOTION

16 selected for senior master sergeant

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MISSION POSSIBLE			
Charleston departures	2,980	Personnel deployed	576
Cargo moved (tons)	17,921	Reservists activated	441
		(Jan. 1 to March 9, 2005)	

Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!

# Commander's Comments

Col. Susan Desjardins  
437 AW Commander

I would like to start this week off by congratulating all the senior master sergeant selects. Only 2 percent of the enlisted force ever reaches this milestone in their career and we are proud to have 16 selectees at Charleston. See Page 15 for the list of names. Congratulations to all of you on your achievement! Well done!

I know in last week's comments, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Vice Commander Col. Sam Cox talked about the importance of going through all of your Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection requirements to ensure everyone is as prepared as possible for the exercise next week. I'd like to reemphasize that and remind everyone now is the time to work out any kinks we may have in our processes. We need to take advantage of this opportunity to refine all of our procedures and make any last minute adjustments in order to ace the EORI. We only have three weeks until the inspectors arrive so keep up the great work; we're almost at the finish line!

On a different subject, I'd ask you, to please take some time to read the article on Page 5 about the "Yellow Dress" program we have scheduled for March 21. This program about sexual assault awareness and prevention and training has been



very well received by other AMC bases who have used it. This is very important and education is absolutely critical in dealing with this issue. I know the base theater will be full at both presentations, and I want to thank you in advance for participating. Spouses are invited as well as older teenagers as long as they are accompanied by their parent.

Just a reminder that today is the Commander's Fun Run. I look forward to seeing all of you at 2:30 p.m. in front of the Fitness and Sports Center. Remember everyone participating today will receive a reflective belt from the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron ... and you can always use another reflective belt ... safety always!

This Saturday I have the wonderful opportunity to drop the puck at the South Carolina Stingray's game for the Military Appreciation Night. Ticket prices for military members and their families will be discounted for this game if you are interested in attending. I hope everyone has a great and safe weekend. Keep in mind fellow Team Charleston members are standing by being good wingmen and are ready to assist to ensure you can get home safely. Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving if you find yourself in need of a safe ride home. Team Charleston – One Family, One Mission, One Fight!

## Safety emphasis item

Sweating is how your body cools itself. Many assume weight loss through excessive sweating is the road to faster, permanent weight loss. This can lead to dangerous dehydration. Weight loss during exercise represents a loss of fluids from the body, not a reduction in fat. It is very important to replace the fluids lost through sweat. In fact, it has been proven your body burns more fat when you are well hydrated. Proper hydration is a key element to keeping Team Charleston fit to fight.

## Action line

**Q: My concern is with the Outdoor Recreation storage lot. I have spoken to Outdoor Rec about the new policy. Until January 2005, we could store items such as boats, RVs and trailers for free. Residents in base housing are directed not to store these items at their house and I understand that policy. Now it cost \$25 per month or \$300 a year to store an item in the new lot. Seems like quite a lot of money considering the facility is basically a fenced in grass lot. I have an airman first class who has come to me and he has an old boat and utility trailer that he can not have at his home on base. It now is going to cost this young single income family with two children \$600 per year. Please consider using a pro-rating system to determine the amount to be charged for using this facility. Example: E-1 thru E-4 pay \$5 per month, E-6 & E-7 \$10 per month, E-8 & E-9 \$15, O-1 thru O-3 \$20 and O-4 and above \$25. Thank you in**

**advance for your time and consideration.**

**A:** Thank you for allowing me to address your concerns with our new storage lot. For the last nine years, military personnel have enjoyed the luxury of storing their recreational vehicles, boats, etc., on base free of charge. The lot on which these vehicles were stored was operated by the Base Housing section of the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron and paid for through appropriated funds. Due to a military construction project planned for this lot, current users would have been forced to store their vehicles off-base if it weren't for the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron. The 437 SVS invested \$194,700 from the base morale, wellness and recreation nonappropriated funds to build a new storage lot for all eligible users. Because this money came from the 437 SVS's nonappropriated funds, the lot can no longer be free to users. The 437 SVS conducted extensive research and comparative marketing to determine the fees, ensuring we were

competitive with the local market. In determining the fee structure, every AMC installation with an RV lot along with every geographically similar Air Force installation, including all civilian storage areas, in the Charleston and North Charleston area were polled to come up with what the NAF Council felt was a fair and reasonable charge for items such as RVs, motorboats, and trailers. Finally, the newly constructed lot is currently unpaved and uncovered; however, we did maximize available funding. We are also planning future enhancements such as paving, adding covered spaces and an electronic gate as more funds become available. Rest assured, our intent in establishing the RV lot is to offer a safe/secure location on the installation at an affordable price for the convenience of our military members.

~ Col. Susan Desjardins  
437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander

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# What does it mean to do your full duty?

**By Capt. Shawn Kirkpatrick**  
437 SFS operations officer

Army Gen. George Patton, once said, "If I do my full duty, the rest will take care of itself." Have you ever asked yourself what it means to do your full duty?

It's a question I regularly ask myself, but one that is not easily answered. I always thought I knew, and tried to live up to the idea that if I gave 100 percent in all I did, everything else would fall into place. Whenever I have an opportunity to speak to members of my unit, I challenge them to give 100 percent at all times. It's actually one of my expectations for all members of my unit.

Recently, I realized there is much more to it than simply giving 100 percent effort all the time. Your effort needs to have the right vector. However, there are many intangibles involved that are hard to explain, which are above and beyond the effort put forth.

I believe the easiest way to define full duty is to look at the men and women who demonstrate it every day. I came to this conclusion on one early morning as I came through the Dorchester Gate on my way to work. When I pulled up to the gate, I was met by the smiles of two security forces members who were at the end of a 12-hour shift, yet both were pleasant and extremely professional, that sent me off to meet the day with confidence that all was well. As I drove away, it became very clear to me what it meant to not only give 100 percent, but what it means to do my full duty.

The two security forces members working

## worth repeating

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**Capt. Shawn Kirkpatrick**  
437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron operations officer

the gate that morning were Airmen 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ashlea Plummer and Jason Klotz. What made this so significant to me was these two Airmen have been in the Air Force for less than two years, and stationed at Charleston, their first assignment, for just over a year. In that time they deployed for six-months, initially to one location and then redeployed to another location.

They provided security for convoys support-ing base operations. They were gunners for convoys at night, handling insurgent attacks and roadside IEDs, and slept during the day with little relief. They returned to Charleston, took a couple weeks off and came back to work on the night shift working 12-hour shifts, four days on and two days off.

As brand new members of the Air Force, with a six-month deployment to a combat zone under their belt, and coming back to a very difficult schedule with little time off, they still handled themselves as true professionals at the end of a long shift and greeted members of Team Charleston with a smile. They did all this

with no complaints because they understand what the mission is and that it has to be accomplished. It's easy to understand how perfectly they define what it means to do your full duty.

Proudly I can say they are not the only ones. Throughout the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, there are hundreds of men and women, such as Senior Airman Melissa Bernard who deployed and conducted convoy operations, and 1st Lt. Nicholas Petren, who was responsible for law enforcement for all U.S. bases in a forward deployed location. Following his deployment, he came back and jumped right into Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection prep after only a few days off, fully understanding the importance of the upcoming inspection. The list for this unit goes on and on, and doesn't stop with these few individuals.

There are thousands of men and women across the wing, such as the 30 vehicle operators and maintenance personnel from 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron who deployed into harm's way to conduct and support convoy operations in Iraq. After their six-month rotations, they will come back and go to work in another stressed operation, and do it without complaint because they know the mission here must get accomplished as well. You can look at any squadron throughout the wing and find hard-working men and women who define doing your full duty just like Airmen Plummer and Klotz.

I personally thank all of them for what they do every day and setting the example for the rest of us to follow.

## Base Airman gets second chance at recruiter assistance

**By Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sam Hymas**  
437 AW Public Affairs

Between tech school and arriving at their first duty station, Airmen have the opportunity to participate in the Recruiter Assistance Program.

The program allows Airmen to share their basic training and tech school experiences with new recruits in the delayed enlistment program back in their home town. Initially, I didn't have any interest in doing that, so between tech school and arriving at Charleston, I just relaxed and caught up on some much-needed sleep and spent time with my family.

After arriving here and talking to other Airmen in my First-Term Airmen Center classes, I reconsidered. But it was too late. My

window of opportunity had already come and gone, or so I thought.

After I'd been here about three months, a local recruiter came into our office and I helped him get some posters. He asked me if I'd done a RAP. I told him I hadn't, but wished I had.

"Well it's not too late," he said. And then he proceeded to explain, with my commander's approval, I could still do it.

He said that Airmen can participate in RAP as often as your supervisor approves your leave, your commander approves your eligibility and a recruiter needs your assistance.

Well, this sounded like a pretty good deal. I could go home and spend time with my family and the Air Force would get some recruiting help from yours truly.

It was a win-win situation.

I had to pay all my travel expenses and I didn't receive any per diem, but I wasn't charged any leave.

I went to some local high schools with Master Sgt. Dave Caraballo, a recruiter, and spoke to high school students about my experience in the Air Force and about basic training. I handed out brochures and talked to students at a state college and taught the new recruits in the delayed enlistment program the essentials of marching.

I also had a great time with my family. I got to see my mom and my little brother perform in a choir concert, I went hiking in Zion National Park with my sister, and my dad and I talked politics and real estate investing.

All active-duty Air Force mem-

bers are eligible for RAP.

However, you need approval from your commander and from the recruiting squadron where you will be going.

Originally RAP was only available to recent graduates of tech school and Officer Training School, but Air Force Instruction 36-3003 was changed to make all active-duty Air Force members eligible.

This change recognizes the potential influence a veteran Air Force member can have to persuade individuals to join the Air Force.

I'm glad I had a second chance at RAP, and it was good to see my family again.

For more information about the Recruiter Assistance Program go to <http://www.afrecruiting.com/rap.asp>.

# Sexual assault awareness ...

## Team Charleston hosts 'Yellow Dress' to teach prevention

**By Capt. Michael King**  
437 MEO chief

In preparation for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, Charleston AFB will host the "Yellow Dress" Sexual Assault Awareness program March 21.

The "Yellow Dress" is a production provided by Deana's Fund, which is devoted to preventing dating and domestic violence through educating diverse audiences and promoting healthy relationships and safety issues among peers, partners and families.

Deana's Fund was founded in 1994 in memory of a teenager whose life was haunted by a violent relationship.

This program has received remarkable feedback from college campuses across the nation as well as at both Fairchild AFB Wash. and Andrews AFB, Md.

The play is intended to educate leadership, base personnel and family members about the facts, prevention measures and coping procedures regarding sexual assaults, said Lindsey Baxter, program director.

"The wonderful thing about the 'Yellow Dress' is that it enables the audience to be comfortable and to connect to the characters," said Ms. Baxter. "The audience participates in a discussion based on what they've seen and helps to identify certain warning signs of sexual assault and what can be done to prevent and help."

Recent research shows 84 percent of the victims of sexual assault knew their attacker, and 57 percent of these assaults occurred while on dates. Helen Tecklenburg, training coordinator for the South Carolina Coal-



*Courtesy photo*

**Renee Roque performs in the "Yellow Dress."**

tion Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, said these statistics do not convey reality because many of these crimes go unreported.

There will be two briefings March 21 at the Base Theater. The program consists of a 30-minute play recounting the events of a young lady who has been the victim of sexual violence. An interactive discussion will take place after the play.

The 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. briefing is tailored for senior noncommissioned officers, captains and above, commanders and first sergeants.

The 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. briefing is intended for technical sergeants and below and first and second lieutenants. Civilian employees are encouraged to attend either briefing on a voluntary basis.

Spouses and teenage family members accompanied by an adult are also invited to attend either session.

For more information, call Capt. Michael King at 963-3662.

## Victim shares her story, how to cope

*Editor's note: The writer of this commentary has asked to remain anonymous.*

I never thought it could happen to me. I heard others talk about sexual assault and rape before, but it wasn't something I needed to worry about. Now my story is a little different.

Almost two years ago, I became a victim of sexual assault and life as I knew it changed forever.

I'm not going to go into all the details of my incident, but the bottom line is what I experienced that night was rape. I say this with confidence because I never gave any type of consent to him. He was an acquaintance of mine who I didn't know well, but we had mutual friends. Little did I know what events would take place that night.

I remember waking up in the morning knowing I'd had too much to drink the night before and only remembering bits and pieces of that night. The first thought that came across my mind was did what I think happened, really happen? Once I was absolutely sure of what happened, I was in complete shock and disbelief. I kept asking myself: What did I do to deserve this? I was embarrassed and felt like it was my fault for having too much to drink because I wasn't able to defend myself.

I didn't know what was going to happen if I spoke out. I knew I had to do something about what had taken place, so I went to my supervisor. She immediately took me to security forces to report the incident. He was charged with rape.

What really helped me get through the first few weeks was my supervisor, commander and first sergeant being understanding, offering their help and their desire to listen if I wanted to talk.

Despite all the bad, I knew I had to do my best to move on with my life. I used just about every

agency on base I could think of to help ... life skills, chaplain's office and legal. I found my efforts to be worth the trouble.

Life skills was especially the most helpful. I became involved in support groups and one-on-one counseling sessions. Each day that passed, I felt a little better about myself. Recently, my case was closed, and I'm continuing to move on with my life for the better. I still love what I do for the Air Force and want to continue to strive to be the best at what I do.

My advice to those struggling with the same situation is to get help. Don't keep your feelings all to yourself, and please go to the police as soon as possible to report the crime. It's not an easy thing to go through alone. There are so many resources available on base to assist victims.

Use your chain of command. Keep your supervisor informed of how you're doing from time to time because they really do care. The only way your commander, first sergeant or supervisor can help you is if they know what's going on. You will get to a point when you'll smile again, I promise.

As far as prevention goes, just know your surroundings and always have a wingman with you when going out who will look out for you.

Two years later, I'm better. I still have bad days, but I continue to work with an awesome support network. I'm becoming more mentally focused and spiritually fit. Although I'm still angry, I don't let things consume me. I talk about my feelings when I have to, and try to help others dealing with the same thing when I can.

As Air Force members we all have a responsibility to help one another and be aware of issues affecting us. I think in today's Air Force we can all help each other in combating sexual assault and making each other more aware. It can be stopped with a little effort and awareness.

# Arts and Crafts Center helps develop skills, expand horizons

By Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sam Hymas  
437 AW Public Affairs

Members of Team Charleston interested in building something from scratch can stop by the Arts and Crafts Center for some expert advice and supplies Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Located at the corner of Stuart Street and Arthur Drive, the Arts and Crafts Center offers a variety of classes and skill development opportunities to military members and their families.

The Arts and Crafts Center is a full-service craft store. Not only can people purchase craft supplies, but they do framing, engraving and are willing to help with any project one might have.

The center offers classes in framing, quilting, sewing and basket weaving. They also have materials and equipment needed for many different projects.

"The instructors are very knowledgeable and informative and classes are Saturday, which is convenient,"

said Carol Lewis, basket weaving class member and DOD employee at the Space and Naval Warfare Center. "It's just fun."

The center also has a kids craft club starting up this month featuring an Easter surprise project March 19. The club meets the third Saturday of every month to learn new skills and create something unique. During the summer, the Arts and Crafts Center will hold a craft camp from July 19 to 22 for children ages 7 to 12.

For those already proficient in a skill, the center can still help. They offer the use of their facilities and equipment for only \$2 an hour.

The center is the foremost provider of awards and plaques for the base. They do all their own engraving and can create a special award at a cost below outside prices.

"I know of no place that can satisfy the diversity of offerings that we have here," said Pat Mize, Arts and Crafts Complex director.

Mrs. Mize has future plans for the center as well.

"We want to have a reason for

people to come see what we have," she said, talking about plans to have art exhibits, consignment sales of artwork and eventually an art gallery.

"Personal service is the most important thing we offer. If you want to learn a new skill, come talk to us and we'll try to set up a class. If you need help, we'll help."



Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sam Hymas

Ramli McKinney, basket weaving class instructor, shows Kate Lafien and Carol Lewis, both DOD employees at the Space and Naval Warfare Center, how to attach the handle to their baskets at the Arts and Crafts Center Saturday.

## Changes to AADD program brings new users, saves more lives

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bryan Lewis  
437 AW Public Affairs

"Hello, AADD dispatcher, how may I assist you?"

"Hi, yeah, um, I need a lift home. I have been drinking and know I shouldn't get behind the wheel."

"Sure, a ride is no problem. Where are you?"

"Well, um, my name is ..."

"Sir, I don't need your name, just where you are and where you need to be dropped off. The goal is to make sure you get home safe."

Since Feb. 1, 2004, volunteers for Airmen Against Drunk Driving have been answering calls like this and saving lives by offering free and confidential rides home from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. every Friday and Saturday for Airmen who have been drinking alcoholic beverages.

Due to changes in the program, AADD has seen an increase in rides this year, allowing more Airmen to get home without endangering lives.

"AADD is a completely confidential service and is available to anyone," said Senior Airman Courtney Charles, AADD facilitator here. "The only information asked are their location and where they are

being dropped off. We don't ask for names or ages."

The program originally required the person needing a ride to flash their military ID. Now, they only need to know the number, 963-0437. Another change with AADD, this number directs the call to a cell phone AADD dispatchers have, allowing them to be in their home when receiving calls. Until recently, AADD volunteers would have to wait for calls all night at the 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

"When the program first began, there was a meeting area for all the volunteers," said Airman Charles. "Now volunteers can wait at the comfort of their own home for a call for pick up."

The changes are making a difference. This year there already have been 50 rides given, compared to a total of 58 in all of 2004. In the same year, 20 percent of all personal-motor-vehicle accidents resulting in a fatality in Air Mobility Command were alcohol related.

Like those who can use the rides, anyone can volunteer as long as they are 18 years old or over including Airmen of any rank and their family members. Volunteers don't even need a car to play a role.

"A common misconception is a volunteer has to have a car to vol-

unteer, and that's not true," said Airman Charles. "A person without a vehicle can do one of two things; he can be the dispatcher or can ride along with another volunteer if the driver doesn't feel safe going alone."

No matter how someone helps or participates, getting involved on either side saves lives.

"I volunteer with AADD because I wouldn't want to be the person who has to call an Airman's family member and tell them something happened because the Airman had been drinking and driving," said Staff Sgt. Nadgrita Borel, a regular AADD volunteer. "Because someone asks for a ride from AADD, doesn't make them a stupid person; it makes them a smart person."

To volunteer for AADD, e-mail [AADD.Charleston@charleston.af.mil](mailto:AADD.Charleston@charleston.af.mil).

### DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident: 50 days**

**2005 total: 2**

**2004 total: 23**

*Members receiving a Driving Under the Influence must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress accompanied by their supervisor, first sergeant and squadron commander.*

**AADD**  
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**50 saves  
this year**

**963-0437**

**Charleston AFB's Airmen  
Against Drunk Driving offers  
free, confidential rides home.**

# Charleston personnel receive AMC awards

Compiled by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo  
437 AW Public Affairs

**S**eventeen Charleston AFB personnel were selected as best in their specialty by Air Mobility Command for 2004.

These individuals will now compete for Air Force Level awards. Highlights of their award packages follow:

**Larry Gill** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron was chosen as AMC's Airfield Management Supervisor (Civilian) of the Year. Mr. Gill distinguished himself by being an exemplary leader, manager, visionary and mentor of airfield operations. He managed two geographically separated airfields valued in the millions. Between the two airfields 146,000 military and civilian operations were accomplished.

**Capt. Peter Tortorici** of the 437 OSS was chosen as Outstanding Reserve Officer of the Year. Captain Tortorici was the first choice for deployed intelligence commander for the 817<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Rhein Main AB, Germany. He provided invaluable intelligence support to the 362<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Group, 817 EAS command and all AMC strategic airlift missions.

**Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed** of the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron received the Combat Camera Darryl G. Winters Award for 2004. Sergeant Reed was inserted with the air assault team as part of Operation Anaconda Strike II. He documented the placement of sniper teams and effort to locate caches of weapons. His superior imagery was used to brief senior leadership and analyze operations.

**Capt. Lisa Ryan** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron was cho-

sen as the AMC's Logistics Readiness Company Grade Officer for 2004. Captain Ryan coordinated combat firepower to the frontlines. She ensured the safety and efficiency of airlifting 1,550 tons of ammunition to the troops deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**Senior Airman Jacob Kayl** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron was chosen as the AMC Fuels Airman for 2004. Airman Kayl was deployed in support of OEF and OIF. While at those locations, he directly supported the issue of 1.8 million gallons of aviation fuel in support of various aircraft.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michelle Kinlock** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron was chosen as the AMC Financial Analysis Officer of the Year. Lieutenant Kinlock merged accounting and budgeting operations to be the first AMC base merging the finance management analysis. With this merging, the efficiency of these offices went up 30 percent.

**Senior Airman Shuja Ahmed** of the 437<sup>th</sup> AerialPort Squadron was chosen as the AMC Transportation Airman of the Year. Airman Ahemd is a dedicated transporter who was sent to a forward deployed location in support of OIF. He was key in the movement of 46,000 passengers, 38,000 tons of cargo and 3,5000 missions.

**Master Sgt. Gregory Brown** of the 437 CPTS was chosen as the AMC Financial Management Senior Noncommissioned Officer of 2004. Sergeant Brown implemented operational readiness inspection training to prepare 437<sup>th</sup> and 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's finance troops by revamping a dormant exercise evaluation team, and enhancing the realism and effectiveness of contingency training.

**Patricia Schroeder** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron was chosen as AMC's Munitions Maintenance Civilian Manager of 2004. Ms. Schroeder managed priority shipment of munitions valued at \$1.2 million, which directly contributed to command asset availability. She also methodically guided the processing of 112 receiving inspections on 273,699 assets valued at over \$2.4 mil-

lion.

**Maj. Julie Boit** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron was chosen as AMC's Senior Personnel Manager of the Year. Major Boit led the 437 MSS to be chosen as "Best in AMC" for 2003, which was a first in seven years. Then the squadron was chosen as "Best MSS in Air Force," a first time ever for Charleston AFB.

**Master Sgt. Vanessa Smallsbryant** of the 437 MSS was chosen as AMC 2004 Airman Leadership School Flight Chief of the Year. Sergeant Smallsbryant's teaching expertise was rated as "outstanding" by other students on all end-of-course critiques. Her expert instruction not only impacted ALS graduates, but also their peers and subordinates as well.

**Jessica Lovette** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron was chosen as AMC's Support Level Enlisted Training Manager of the Year. Ms. Lovette was instrumental in AMC's stand-up of large aircraft infrared countermeasures training program. Through her initiatives, more than 200 personnel were trained in 2004.

**Amy Pennebaker** of the 437 MSS was chosen as AMC's 2004 Outstanding Civilian Personnel Specialist. Ms. Pennebaker is the sole human resource specialist for the 437<sup>th</sup> and 315<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons. She provides technical advice and assistance to 130 supervisors and employees on position classification, staffing and equal employment opportunities.

**Senior Master Sgt. Richard Graves** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron received the Colonel Billy Jack Carter Award for 2004. Sergeant Graves deployed to a forward deployed location in support of OIF. While deployed he expertly performed duties as flight sergeant for the base's largest sector, which covered 2.7 miles of perimeter considered to be hostile and dangerous.

**Master Sgt. Daniel Timko** of the 437 SFS was chosen as AMC's winner for Noncommissioned Officer at the Flight Level for 2004. Sergeant Timko secured the busiest air cargo base in AMC, ensuring over 6,500

missions departed with OIF war-fighting equipment.

**Master Sgt. Paul Price** of the 437 SFS was chosen as AMC's Security Forces Augmentee of the Year. Sergeant Price became proficient at working in the pass and identification section of the 437 SFS. While there, he developed a standard operating procedure to allow students onto base to attend college. By developing this procedure, he was able to guarantee many students an education.

**Master Sgt. Danica Sancic-Chumley** of the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron was chosen as AMC's Outstanding CE Manager of the Year. While deployed 120 days in support of OIF, Sergeant Sancic-Chumley excelled in the face of austere conditions and enemy mortar and rocket propelled ground attacks. She led a survival recovery center working group, which established procedures, personnel assignments and facilities.

## The following organizations received AMC level awards:

Airfield Management Facility for 2004: **437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron**  
Air Terminal Operations Flight for 2004: **437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron**  
Traffic Management Flight: **437 APS**  
Innkeeper Award: **437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron**  
Outstanding Mission Support Squadron: **437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron**  
Outstanding middle to large Civilian Personnel Flight: **437 MSS Civilian Personnel Flight**  
Outstanding Family Support Center: **437 MSS Family Support Center**  
Comm-Electronics Maintenance Effectiveness Award, small unit: **437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron**  
Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Awards, Pollution Prevention Award (non-industrial): **437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit Award, small category: **437 CES**

## Air Force lifts Boeing suspension March 4

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force officials removed the suspension of three Boeing Co. units associated with its rocket business March 4. The company's Launch Systems, Boeing Launch Services and Delta Program business units, were suspended July 24, 2003 for serious violations of federal law, officials said.

The 20-month suspension has been the longest for a major defense contractor.

An interim agreement between Air Force and Boeing officials has been signed to protect the government's interest. Air Force officials may revoke the agreement and reinstate suspensions if Boeing is indicted or convicted, or if new evidence is discovered.

The conditions of the agreement specify that Boeing officials must submit to outside verification of their remedial measures and their compliance with the interim agreement through a special compliance officer.

Full text of the agreement can be found at [www.af.mil/library/posture/interim\\_Admin\\_Agreement.pdf](http://www.af.mil/library/posture/interim_Admin_Agreement.pdf). **(AFPN)**

## Air Force officials require myPay for civilians

**WASHINGTON** — Civilian employees of the Air Force will be required to use the myPay system to access their leave and earning statements beginning March 31.

The change brings Air Force civilians in line with active duty and reserve-component Airmen who are already required to access their pay data online, officials said. Hard-copy statements will no longer be mailed. Printing and mailing costs are some reasons for the change, officials said. But the primary goal is to provide people with more services and quicker access in an online format.

There are numerous advantages to using myPay, officials said. Civilian users can view and print their last 26 pay statements; change allotments, direct deposit or tax withholding information; and buy savings bonds. Users may also

view and print their W-2 tax forms. One major advantage is availability, officials said. Information may be viewed or changed from any computer with an Internet connection 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The myPay system can be found at [www.dfas.mil/mypay](http://www.dfas.mil/mypay). **(AFPN)**

## Vet centers offer grief counseling to families

**WASHINGTON** — In an unprecedented expansion of its traditional client base, Department of Veterans Affairs officials are offering grief counseling to families of servicemembers who die while on active duty.

Expanding its services to serve veterans' families represents "quite a leap and a real innovation" for VA, said Charles Flora, associate program director. The program also serves families of reservists and

guardsmen who die while activated for federal duty.

Referrals for grief counseling come through military casualty assistance offices, the VA and veterans service organizations.

Families requesting more information or services also can contact readjustment counseling service officials directly at (202) 273-9116 or by e-mail at [vet.center@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:vet.center@hq.med.va.gov). **(AFPN)**

## Non-vol candidates for diamond duty identified

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force officials have identified Airmen as candidates for first sergeant duty for the second time in two years through a nonvolunteer process.

Historically, first sergeants were chosen from a pool of volunteers. The Air Force has more than 1,200 first sergeant positions worldwide.

Each year, roughly one-third of those positions must be refilled because incumbents either retire or return to their career specialty.

To close the gap, Air Force officials have identified 368 master sergeants from across the service as candidates for retraining as first sergeants.

Each candidate meets minimum requirements for first sergeant duty, including fewer than 18 years of service, a score of five on his or her last five performance reports and completion of the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Each candidate also will be interviewed by his or her unit commander and respective command chief master sergeant to ensure suitability for the position.

Of the 368 candidates identified, as many as 120 will eventually be chosen and can expect to begin training as early as July. **(AFPN)**



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Ahlschwede

## High voltage

**Tech. Sgt. Paul Hendrix, 1st Combat Camera Squadron, video intrusion detection system technician from Charleston AFB, tests line voltages to verify the strength of the satellite signal being received at a base in Iraq recently.**

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 315<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Mike Anderson at 8 a.m. Sunday at Bldg. 536. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Joe Whetstone at 963-5235.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Will Beary at 10 a.m. March 18 at Nose Dock Two. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Steven Denzik.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Kat Rawson at 1 p.m. March 18 at the Bldg. 705 auditorium. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Sheryl Oulton at 963-7633.

## Around the base

**Commander's Call:** Col. Susan Desjardins, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, will be hosting the following Commander's Call for members of the 437 AW: the officer's call will be 7:30 a.m. Mar. 22 at the Charleston club, the civilian call will be 2 p.m. Mar. 23 at the base theater and the enlisted call will be 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mar. 24 at the base theater.

**Road striping:** There will be road striping at various locations throughout the base beginning today. Additionally, the following are scheduled for striping between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Saturday until Wednesday at parking lots 166, 178, 214 (library), 215 (bowling alley), 236, 248, 323, and 1951 (shoppette). For more information call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Emil Rebik at 963-4043.

**Spring term sign-up:** Registration for City Colleges of Chicago, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University, Southern Illinois University and Webster University runs until March 18. For more information, contact the Education Center at 963-4575 or 963-7201.

**Commissioning briefing:** The Education Center will be holding a commissioning briefing from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday. Recent changes to the commissioning program will be addressed. Preregistration must be accomplished by today by calling the Education Cen-

## Charleston Warrior of the Week

### Senior Airman Tiffany Hutchins 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Tiffany Hutchins is a commander's support staff technician for the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Her primary duties include helping customers within the squadron with personnel issues such as leave, duty status and decorations.

"I like that I can work in any squadron on the base. This gives me an opportunity to learn what each squadron does for the mission," said Airman Hutchins.

The Augusta, Ga., native joined the Air Force more than four years ago to see the world and for education benefits.

Although she has never deployed, she looks forward to the opportunity in the future.

"Airman Hutchins' positive attitude and ability to provide excellent customer service sets her apart from the rest," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Renee Zimmerman, 437 AMXS section commander.

"Since her arrival here, she has taken over several existing programs and improved them. She is invaluable to the unit and we really couldn't operate without her."



Photo by Senior Airman Alice Moore

ter at 963-4578.

**New hours:** The Charleston Exchange Beauty and Barber Shops have extended their hours of operation for a trial period of 90 days from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. The

barber shop will also be open Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 552-0812.

**Q-matic:** Beginning Monday, the pharmacy will begin installing an automated queuing system that will be

used to prioritize patients. The system, known as Q-matic, will assist the pharmacy team in managing and categorizing high volume workload, peak traffic times and patient flow through the prescription retrieval process.

## Congratulations to senior master sergeant selects

*The following individuals have been selected for the rank of senior master sergeant:*

### 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

James Feralin

James Greer

James McCabe

Avery Woolridge

### 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group

Douglas Earle

James Trodglan

### 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

Gerald Layden

### 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

George Cokley

Edward Swinson



### 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron

Carl Helbig

### 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron

Robert Griffin

Michael Vansant

### 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

Randal Williams

### 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron

Sarah Coleman-Lee

### 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron

Robert Frank

### 412<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Robert Reaves

# BASE HONOR GUARD



Graphic by Airman 1st Class Sam Hymas

## Senior Airman Paul Singleton 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

**Job title:** Test measurement diagnostic equipment journeyman

**Time in the Air Force:** Three years and four months

**Time on the Honor Guard:** Five months

**Why did you join the Honor Guard?** I joined the Honor Guard because of what it represents and to pay respect to those who have served before me.

**What do you do in the Honor Guard?** I present the colors at retirements and award and promotion ceremonies. I was also part of the firing party and a pallbearer at funerals.

**What is your favorite aspect of the Honor Guard?** Paying respect to other members who have worn the uniform

**What is your most memorable moment in Honor Guard?**

My most memorable moment was a funeral for a retired chief master sergeant who had served his country for 39 years in the Army and the Army Air Corps.

### Across

1. \* HERstory's Number One Woman
4. \* Foe of Feminism
9. Conference, for short
13. \* American zoologist who won international acclaim for her study of mountain gorillas (Last Name)
15. \* For short, it was devised to combat #4A
16. Singer Smith
17. Word with Rummage
18. It'll turn "ual" into a custom
19. It'll make "tional" unreasonable
20. Type of Tree
21. \* This novelist works didn't receive much attention during her lifetime, but today are regarded as masterpieces which feature vivid characterizations (Last Name)
23. He does commentary on "60 Minutes" (Initials)
25. Course Circuit
27. Danish physicist
29. Particular Pronoun
30. \* Mariah Carey is on the top three list (along with The Beatles and Elvis) for artists who have had the most Number One singles on the Billboard charts. Question: Mariah is with Columbia Records which has an association with which company?
32. \* This actress once portrayed #8D (First Name)
34. Bottle tops
36. Classify
38. \* In 1919, Mary Pickford co-founded this gr. in order to increase her share in the profits from her movies
39. Faith, for short
41. \* One of the most

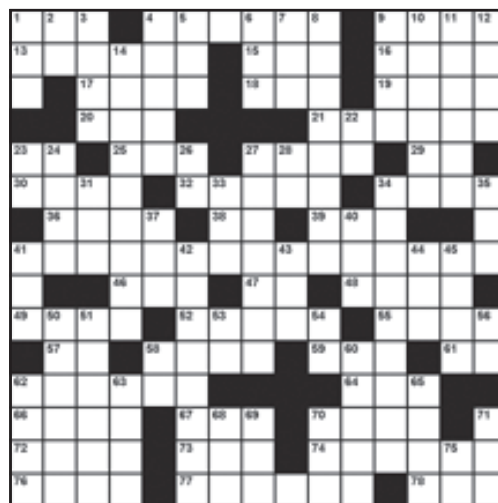
famous women in HERstory

46. Singer Shannon
47. Jazz composer: Sun \_\_\_\_ (b.1914 - d.1993)
48. Golden: French
49. Japanese beverage
52. Actress Eklund
55. Heap of combustibles
57. He co-starred in "The Odd Couple" (Initials)
58. Breakfast Cereal Brand
59. Health resort
61. \* Gloria Steinem was the founding editor of this magazine in 1972
62. \* Madonna is one of the most famous women in music HERstory, and this is a song from her critically acclaimed "Ray of Light" album of 1998: "\_\_\_\_/Ashtangi"
64. Business name abbr.
66. Nighttime talk show name
67. For short, it's measured at the Prime Meridian
70. Koran chapter
72. Picnic invaders
73. The Common People: \_\_\_\_ Polloi
74. \* Queen Hippolyta, for one
76. Labyrinth
77. \* Child star who grew up to be a United States ambassador (Last Name)
78. Sea eagle (var. sp.)

### Down

1. Small lizard
2. Whiskey bottle acronym
3. "Fin" Finisher
4. Actress Blair
5. Peeper
6. "Funn" Finale
7. Word with Lanka
8. \* She was executed by the French in 1917 for spying for Germany during World War I
9. Sliders on the Slopes

10. \* International star and multi-talented performer who once portrayed Helen of Troy (First Name)
11. \* Academy Award winning actress who participated in the 1994 "A Century of Women" television project (Last Name)
12. Connery or Penn
14. \* In 1983, she became the first American woman to travel into outer space
22. City of ancient Sumer
23. Shakespeare's "\_\_\_\_ You Like It"
24. \* She is an American civil rights leader who inspired the civil rights movement across the nation (First Name)
26. Movie rating
27. \* Queen of The Netherlands who ascended to the throne (in 1980) after her mother Juliana abdicated in her favor
28. Long hockey game acronym
31. And not
33. \* Hillary Rodham Clinton has made HERstory by becoming the first First Lady to \_\_\_\_ for Senate
34. \* One of the most famous women in HERstory
35. \* Female pronoun
37. Golfer's prop
40. Film Finale
41. \* Female form of address
42. \* In 1997, she became America's first female Secretary of State (Last Name)
43. Cereal grain
44. Attempt



## Women's History Month

Theme: Women's HER-story

### Contest Rules:

Complete crossword as an individual or group. Answer as many correctly as possible. The individual or group with the most correctly submitted answers wins. In case of a tie, the individual or group who submits their crossword puzzle first, wins. All entries must be submitted to Master Sgt. Brenda Royal-Johnson by noon Mar 25. Winner(s) will be announced at the Women's History Month Luncheon March 30.

45. Condition
50. \* The Parthenon was dedicated to this Greek Goddess
51. \* World-renowned top-selling modern female novelist (Last Name)
53. It's one of the original Thirteen Colonies, briefly
54. Mr. Eliot
56. Atomic #99
58. \* She is one of the women pioneers of popular music and remains one of the World's top performers today (Initials)
60. \* Early female novelists often chose to

- use a male nom-de-\_\_\_\_ in order to have their books published, such as England's Brontë sisters whose first published work (of 1846) was called "Poems by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell"
62. Flap down
63. Olfactory Organ
65. Stupor
68. The Three Stooges member
69. Comedian Conway
70. Mr. Mineo
71. \* World famous advice columnist (First Name)
75. Alternative indicator

## Chapel schedule

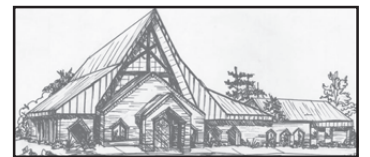
107 Arthur Drive  
Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

**Catholic Services:** Saturday - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation; 5 p.m. Mass. Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Mass; 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. daily mass. 11 a.m. CCD Bldg. 245 Sept. through May.

**Protestant Services:** Sunday - 8 a.m. Inspirational Worship Service; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245. 11 a.m.; traditional worship service with Children's Church; 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service.

**Lenten Reconciliation Service:** 6 p.m. Monday at the Chapel Sanctuary. ■ Protestant and Catholic Holy Week schedules will run in next week's edition.



## Movie schedule

**Admission:** 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

**Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.**

Today, 7:30 p.m.

**"The Wedding Date" - Debra Messing**

Kat Ellis' worst nightmare is about to come true. Not only is her younger, half-sister, Amy, getting married before her, but to add insult to injury, the groom's best man is Kat's ex-fiancee, Jeffrey. Unable to bear the thought of attending alone, she hires an escort to play her boyfriend. Her rented date, fits the bill perfectly. He's handsome, intelligent, well spoken and a perfect gentleman. The plan? Make Kat's ex sorry he ever let her go. **(PG-13) 90 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

**"The Phantom of the Opera" - Gerrard Butler**

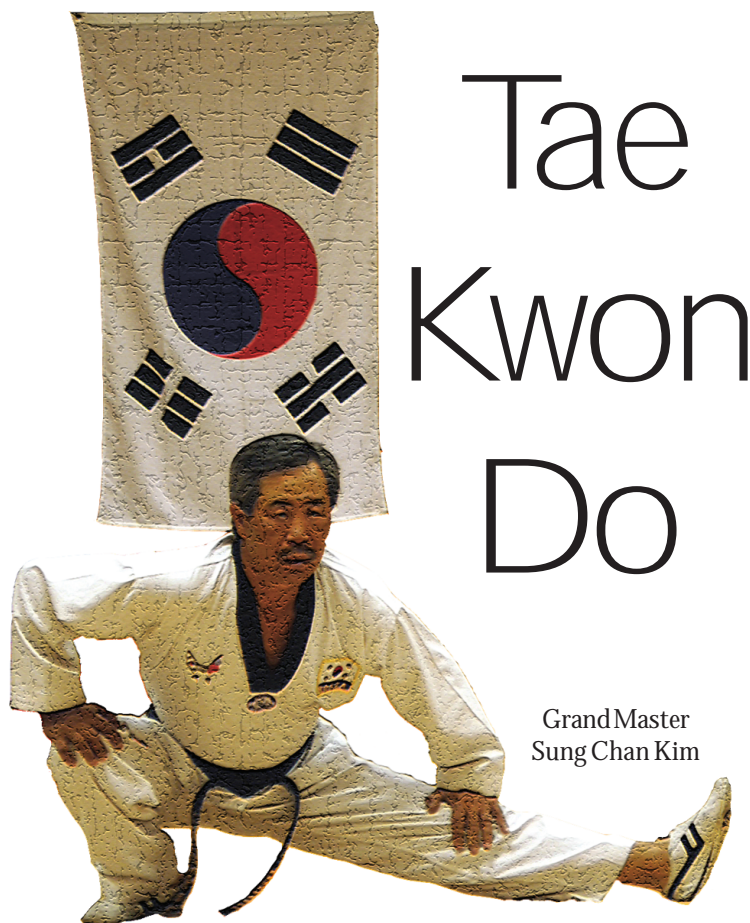
A disfigured musical genius haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera. When he falls fatally in love with the lovely Christine, the Phantom devotes himself to creating a new star for the opera, exerting a strange sense of control over the young soprano as he nurtures her extraordinary talents. Christine meets up with her childhood acquaintance Raoul and the two fall in love. Feeling betrayed, the Phantom decides to kidnap her and imprison her with him in his lair. Raoul is now the only one who can stop him. **(PG-13) 143 minutes**

March 18

**"Boogeyman"**

March 19

**"Pooh's Heffalump Movie"**



## Tae Kwon Do

Grand Master  
Sung Chan Kim



Photos and graphic by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sam Hymas

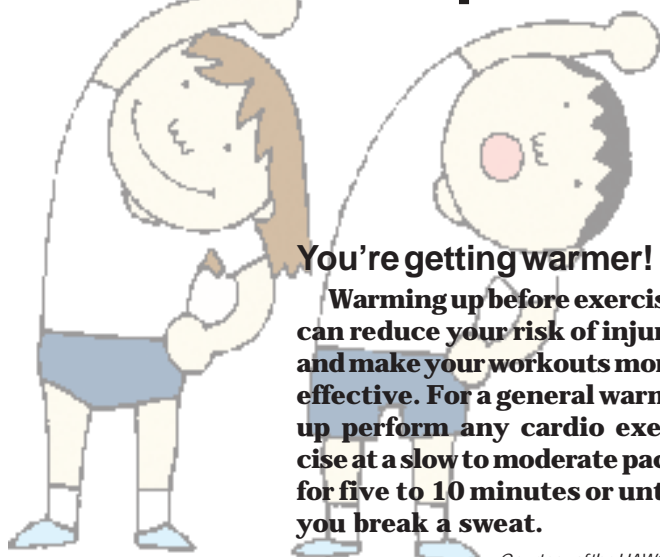
(front to back) Gloria Stockdale, George McDonald and Janita Brown perform a series of kicks under the direction of Grand Master Sung Chan Kim in the aerobics room of the Fitness and Sports Center at a recent practice session. Grand Master Kim is a ninth degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. To gain discipline, self-control, flexibility, confidence, self-defense and physical conditioning through Tae Kwon Do, call the fitness center at 963-3347.

Grand Master  
Kim shows  
Steve Ausband  
a punching  
move.



Steve Ausband  
performs a side kick  
during a Tae Kwon  
Do practice session.

## Fitness tip



### You're getting warmer!

Warming up before exercise can reduce your risk of injury and make your workouts more effective. For a general warm-up perform any cardio exercise at a slow to moderate pace for five to 10 minutes or until you break a sweat.

Courtesy of the HAWC

## Sports shorts

**Commander's Fun Run:** Today is this month's Commander's Fun Run. All teams and individuals are asked to be in place five minutes before the 2:30 p.m. start at the Fitness and Sports Center for a safety briefing, pep talk and warm-up stretching. For more information, contact the fitness center at 963-3347.

**Play ball:** Major League baseball season is nearly here, and the Outdoor Recreation Center has already caught the fever by planning three trips to watch the Atlanta Braves in action. These two-day excursions include a Saturday night and Sunday afternoon game for each trip. The trips are: April 9-10, Braves vs. N.Y. Mets; April 30 - May 1, Braves vs. St. Louis Cardinals; June 11-12, Braves vs. Oakland A's. Cost per person for each trip is

\$139, which includes transportation, one night's lodging and tickets to both games. For more information, call the ORC at 963-5271.

**Kayaking trip:** Spend a Charleston Spring afternoon paddling around Shem Creek and Hog Island on a kayaking trip April 23. At trips' end, the group will stop by a restaurant for refreshments (not included in the price of the trip). This four-hour excursion is \$10 per person, which includes all equipment and transportation. For more information, contact Outdoor Rec at 963-5271.

**Coaches needed:** The Fitness Center's Sports Department is searching for individuals interested in coaching men's and women's varsity softball teams. For more information, contact Eddie Goad, Charleston's sports director, at 963-4321.